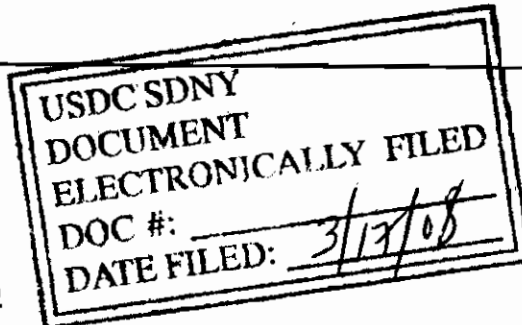




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LORETTA A. PRESKA
U. S. DISTRICT JUDGE
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Re: United States v. Rafael Rivera,
07 Cr. 1222 (LAP)

Dear Judge Preska:

① I write to confirm the adjournment of the pretrial conference in the above reference matter to March 31, 2008 at 2:00 ~~pm~~ am.

② The Government also requests that the Court exclude time from today until March 31, 2008 pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act. The Government submits that such exclusion is warranted pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 8161(h)(8)(A). Specifically, the ends of justice outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendants in a speedy trial because the exclusion affords the parties continued time to consider a pre-trial disposition of this matter and thus helps ensure the effective assistance of

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So ordered
Loretta A. Preska
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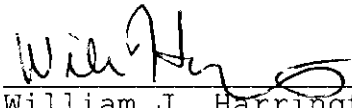
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counsel. Annie Cantor, counsel for the defendant, consents to this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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